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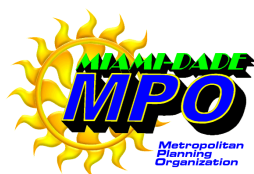
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**MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002 AT 2:00 PM**

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL**

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

***12th FLOOR CONFERENCE "MIDDLE" ROOM***

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Meeting September 9, 2002

**III. CTAC UPDATE**

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT**  
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE YEAR 2025 LRTP TO ADVANCE THE NORTH PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT FROM A PRIORITY 2 TO A PRIORITY 1 (*MDT*)
- B. MPO PROGRAM PRIORITIES**  
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING INCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL LISTING OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) PROGRAM PRIORITIES IN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) WORK PROGRAM (*MPO SECRETARIAT*)

**V. INFORMATION ITEM**

- A. LUDLAM TRAIL NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR STUDY
- B. JITNEY SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM STUDY
- C. ACCESS TO SW 137<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO AND FROM SR 874
- D. BAY LINK STUDY: STATUS REPORT

**\* PLEASE SUBMIT AGENDA ITEMS TO THE MPO SECRETARIAT BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002. ALL ITEMS THAT FAIL TO MEET THIS DEADLINE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT MONTH AGENDA.**

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL  
(TPC)  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**

**MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002  
2:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 12-1**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mr. Jose-Luis Mesa, TPC Chairperson. The following members were present:

1. Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, TPC Chairperson
2. Vivian Villaamil, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS)
3. Bruce Offord, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
4. Clark P. Turner, City of Miami
5. Jorge Hernandez, City of Hialeah
6. Danny Alvarez, Miami-Dade Transit
7. Carl Fielland, Seaport
8. Michael Williams, Tri-Rail
9. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
10. Eshter Calas, Miami- Dade Public Works
11. Gus Pego, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
12. Irma San Roman, MPO Secretariat (Non-Voting)

The sign-in sheets listing staff and other visitors present at the meeting are available on file at the MPO Secretariat. A recorded tape of the meeting is also available at the MPO Secretariat Office.

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Mesa asked if there were any additions, deletions or modifications to the agenda. Ms. San Roman stated that item **IV.C FEC CORRIDOR** was added to the agenda for action by the Council and item **V.A LUDLAM TRAIL NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR STUDY** was withdrawn from the agenda.

Mr. Yoder moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Donn seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved unanimously.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Yoder moved for approval of the minutes of the September 9, 2002 meeting. Mr. Donn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **III. CTAC UPDATE**

*(No report was given for this item).*

## **IV. ACTION ITEM**

### **A. 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT**

*RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE YEAR 2025 TO ADVANCE THE NORTH PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT FROM A PRIORITY 2 TO A PRIORITY 1(MDT)*

Mr. Alvarez informed the Council that this item is in anticipation that the sales tax will pass in November. He further stated that the MDT has already submitted the application for evaluation to the FTA in an assumption that there would be a sales tax to contribute to the project.

Mr. Hernandez moved for the approval of the resolution. Mr. Alvarez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

### **B. MPO PROGRAM PRIORITIES**

*RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING INCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL LISTING OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) PROGRAM PRIORITIES IN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) WORK PROGRAM (MPO SECRETARIAT)*

Mr. Mesa informed the Council that at its last meeting, the Council requested a Plan B to the MPO Program Priorities be drafted in the event the tax passes. He further stated that staff had submitted a copy of the proposed Plan B printed on blue paper attached to this agenda item. He concluded that it is the Council's decision to forward that list along with the Program Priorities to the MPO Board.

After much discussion, Mr. Yoder moved for the approval of submitting the white sheets, which included the list of MPO Program Priorities to the MPO Governing Board for inclusion in FDOT Work Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alvarez. Upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

**C. FEC CORRIDOR**

*RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING SUPPORT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ITS AFFILIATED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES (RTO/RTA) TO RECOMMEND STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN THE FEC CORRIDOR AREA INCLUDING NE 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE AND DIXIE HIGHWAY- TO EXPAND LOCAL AND REGIONAL PASSENGER SERVICE IN THESE CORRIDORS TO MEET THE GROWING TRANSIT NEEDS AND COMPLEMENT FREIGHT INDUSTRY GROWTH IN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA AREA*

Mr. Turner moved to defer this item to the TPTAC to work on resolution language before presenting to the TPC Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Donn and approved unanimously.

**V. INFORMATION ITEM**

**A. LUDLAM TRAIL NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR STUDY**

*This item was **deferred** to the next month agenda.*

**B. JITNEY SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM STUDY**

Mr. Mesa introduced MPO Project Manager Jesus Guerra who informed the Council that Mr. Craig Miller, Miller Consultants, would provide a brief presentation on the Jitney Services Pilot Program Study

Mr. Miller informed the Council that the Jitney Services Pilot Program Study was to develop operations scenarios to promote increased participation of the private sector in the provision of public transportation services within Miami-Dade County. He further stated that these services would be aimed to supplement existing services provided by Miami-Dade Transit (MDT). He also stated that the study recommended that three to four projects be tested with a comprehensive “before and after” evaluation study for the pilot program. He concluded by stating that a complete list of recommendations from the study is provided in the Draft Executive Summary report. *(A copy of this Draft Executive Summary is available at the MPO Secretariat)*

**C. ACCESS TO SW 137<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO AND FROM SR 874**

Ms. San Roman introduced the item.

Mr. Jesus Guerra, MPO Project Manager, introduced, Mr. Freddy Bargas of Kimely-Horn and Associates, who provided the Council with a brief PowerPoint presentation of the Access to SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue to and from SR 874 Study.

Mr. Bargas informed the Council that the southwest area of Miami-Dade County is one of the fastest growing areas in the County. He further stated that the SR 874 provides northeast-southwest flow in the area and connects the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike (HEFT) and SR 826 (Palmetto Expressway). He also stated that SR874 fails to provide direct connectivity to SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He further clarified that the increase growth and the lack of connectivity to SR 874 is creating a high degree of congestion and excessive delays. He informed the Council that the Study included five alternatives for connecting SR 874 to SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He concluded by informing the Council that Alternative 1 to connect SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue westward along SW 136<sup>th</sup> Street provides many advantages with one of them being a potential connection farther west beyond SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SW 157<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He further concluded by stating that the study recommends that Alternative 1 as the "preferred alternative" be taken to the PD&E process for a more detailed study. *(A copy of this Executive Summary is available at the TPC Secretariat).*

#### **D. BAY LINK STUDY: STATUS REPORT**

Ms. San Roman introduced MPO Project Manager, Wilson Fernandez, for the Bay Link Study who provided the Council with a brief status report.

Mr. Fernandez informed the Council that the City of Miami chose A2 as their locally preferred alternative (LPA). He further stated that the City of Miami Beach Commission has not chosen a LPA for the Bay Link Study. He concluded by stating that once the City of Miami Beach address the Bay Link Study then the item will go before the MPO for endorsement. *(A copy of the various communities' recommendation list is available at the TPC Secretariat)*

#### **E. MPO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

Mrs. San Roman introduced MPO Project Manager, David Henderson, for the MPO Pedestrian Safety Study who provided the Council with a PowerPoint Presentation. *(A copy of this presentation is available at the TPC Secretariat)*

Mr. Henderson informed the Council that the MPO had been involved in several pedestrian safety initiatives involving and/or funded by various agencies and universities that included National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Miami Dade Public Schools. He further explained

that the goal of these projects has been to study traffic crashes involving pedestrians and developing countermeasures to help reduce the number of these crashes. He stated that the centerpiece of this work has been an extensive GIS database of pedestrian crashes developed by the University of Florida. He concluded by stating that identification of high crash zones and understanding the types of crashes and populations involved would allow the possibility focus limited safety resources where they will have the most impact.

**V. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.